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For: MEGAKARYOCYTE)
DIFFERENTIATION FACTOR)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-cited application as
shown below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add claims 30 and 31 as follows:

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--30. (new) An isolated DNA coding for a megakaryocyte differentiation factor which
stimulates differentiation of megakaryocytes, wherein said DNA hybridizes with a
polynucleotide encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 34.

31. (new) A process for production of a megakaryocyte differentiation factor which
stimulates differentiation of megakaryocytes, comprising the steps of culturing a eukaryotic
or prokaryotic host cell transformed with an expression vector comprising a DNA encoding

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